GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Indian Pharmaceuticals Alliance (IPA) has given a proposal to the Government to distribute the medicines of common use through PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government have considered the proposal of IPA;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any consultation have been held between his Ministry, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Consumer Affairs to discuss the modalities of such scheme;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(g) the further progress made to distribute the common medicines through PDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (g): In regard to the proposal of Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) to distribute the medicines of common use through PDS, it may be mentioned that the diseases that primarily afflict poor are mostly covered under the National Programmes of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare where essential drugs are supplied free by the Government through State Governments.